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SUBJECT: AIRCRAFT PROPOSALS TO CONGRESS

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1. IN VIEW SADAT'S PERSONAL INTEREST, I INFORMED VP MUBARAK TODAY THAT ARMS REQUESTS FOR EGYPT, ISRAEL AND SAUDIS WERE SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS, APRIL 28. HE HAD HEARD MEDIA REPORTS THAT SUBMISSIONS HAD TAKEN PLACE AND, PREDICTABLY AND WITH SOME SHOW OF CONCERN, ASKED WHETHER "PACKAGE" CONCEPT HAS NOW BEEN DROPPED. I EXPLAINED PROCEDURAL ISSUE BETWEEN CONGRESS AND EXECUTIVE AND PRESIDENT CARTER'S DECISION SUBMIT FOUR SEPARATE PROPOSALS AS REQUIRED BY LAW. USED POINTS MADE PARA 3 REFTTEL, STRESSING THAT THE PRESIDENT RESERVED JUDGMENT ON ULTIMATE ACTION TO BE TAKEN AFTER CONGRESS HAS ACTED ON PROPOSALS.

2. MUBARAK'S CONCERNS WERE NOT APPRECIABLY ALLAYED AND HE KEPT PROBING WHETHER WE ARE BACKTOWARD FROM PREVIOUS POSITION. I SOUGHT TO REASSURE HIM, NOTING ADMINISTRATION HAS MADE IT CLEAR THAT IT REGARDS EACH PROPOSAL VIABLE AND VALID AND ALL FOUR AS PART OF A BALANCED AMERICAN
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POLICY TOWARD MIDDLE EAST. I URGED THAT GOE NOT RPT NOT ATTACH UNDUE IMPORTANCE TO PROCEDURAL ISSUE WHICH DICTATED SUBMISSION OF FOUR SEPARATE PACKAGES. I STRESSED IN STRONGEST POSSIBLE TERMS THAT ADMINISTRATION REMAINS COMMITTED TO AND IS DETERMINED DO UTMOST ENSURE APPROVAL FOR ALL FOUR. I ASKED THAT MUBARAK INFORM PRESIDENT SADAT OF ABOVE.

3. MUBARAK UNDERTOOK TO DO SO, BUT CLEARLY REMAINED
WORRIED. HE ASKED THAT WE KEEP GOE INFORMED OF PROGRESS
OF CONGRESSIONAL CONSIDERATION. EILTS

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